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SUBJECT: PANAMA-REPUBLIC OF CHINA SIGN ECONOMIC
DECLARATION

1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS NOVEMBER 9 SIGNING OF JOINT
DECLARATION BETWEEN PANAMA'S MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND
INDUSTRY FERNANDO MANFREDO AND REPUBLIC OF CHINA (ROC)
MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, YUN SUAN SUN, WHO HEADED AN
EIGHT-MAN ECONOMIC MISSION. THE VISIT LASTED
FROM NOVEMBER 5-9. MANFREDO AND SUN REVIEWED PRESENT
LEVEL OF COOPERATION AND AGREED TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETINGS TO
MAKE REVISIONS IN THE PROGRAM ALTERNATING MEETINGS BETWEEN
THEIR TWO COUNTRIES.

2. ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION, THE FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS
WERE REACHED:

AGRICULTURE: ROC'S AGRICULTURAL MISSION IS PRESENTLY
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DIRECTED TOWARD GROWING PRODUCE IN HOT LOW AREAS SUCH

AS VERAGUAS PROVINCE. THE BASIC GOP-ROC TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT INCREASED THE NUMBER OF TECHNICIANS IN THE MISSION TO 20. AT PANAMA'S REQUEST, THE MISSION WILL EXPAND ITS ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE: (A) INVESTIGATION AND INTRODUCTION OF HIGH PRODUCTIVITY SEED, (B) DEMONSTRATION OF IRRIGATION METHODS, (C) PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATION OF FRUIT CULTIVATION IN THE COUNTRY SIDE, (D) INVESTIGATION OF ADAPTABILITY OF SMALL AGRICULTURAL MACHINES OF CHINESE MANUFACTURE FOR USE IN PANAMA.

FISHING: ROC'S FISHING MISSION WHICH ARRIVED THREE MONTHS AGO IS STUDYING MARINE RESOURCES WHILE AWAITING ARRIVAL OF ITS FISHING VESSEL AND EQUIPMENT FROM TAIWAN. IN THE MEANTIME, LOCAL FISHERMEN WILL BE TRAINED IN ARTESIAN FISHING TECHNIQUES, MARKETING SYSTEMS AND IMPROVED FISHING ORGANIZATIONS. IN THE FUTURE, THE PARTIES WILL EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF ROC ASSISTANCE IN THE FORMATION OF MIXED PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS TO HANDLE LANDING, PROCESSING AND EXPORT OF DEEP SEA FISH SUCH AS TUNA AND BONITO.

SMALL INDUSTRY: FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF A UN STUDY ON PROBLEMS OF SMALL INDUSTRY TO BE FINISHED AT THE END OF THE YEAR, THE ROC WILL SEND EXPERTS WITH A VIEW TOWARD THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THAT FIELD.

3. COMMENT: THE YUN SUAN SUN VISIT IS A FURTHER INDICATION THAT, FOR THE PRESENT, THE GOP'S CHINA POLICY REMAINS UNCHANGED. THAT POLICY--FORMAL RELATIONS WITH THE ROC AND INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH THE PRC--HAS EARNED PANAMA TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM TAIWAN AND POLITICAL SUPPORT ON THE CANAL ISSUE FROM PEKING, A SITUATION THE GOP HAS LITTLE REASON TO ALTER.
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